

LUSD Families and Staff:

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the California Department of Education (CDE) are excited to announce that Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) has been extended through September 2021. Lompoc Unified School District does not manage or operate the P-EBT program, but will do our best to assist families by providing information and maintaining updated student information needed for the P-EBT.

P-EBT: August 2020–September 2020

- Cards were sent to students who previously received P-EBT benefits in 2019–20 based on enrollment in a school participating in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program.
- Many students eligible for free or reduced-price (F/RP) meals did not receive benefits because their enrollments had not yet been updated by local educational agencies (LEA) in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) when the data was used to determine benefits.
- **The CDE will identify any students that were missed in the first distribution and include those benefits in subsequent distributions.**

P-EBT: October 2020-June 2021

- Anticipated to be distributed beginning in mid-March 2021 through mid-June 2021.
- In order to be eligible for this round of P-EBT benefits, a student must be enrolled at a school participating in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program and be eligible during SY 2020-2021 for free or reduced price meals based on:
 - An approved free/reduced meal application or [Alternative Household Income Form \(Spanish Version\)](#)
 - Participation in a benefits program (CalFresh, CalWORKS, Medi-Cal), or
 - A status of homeless, migrant or foster

P-EBT cards will be mailed to the address the school district has on file. So, if you have moved and have not updated your address with the district you will need to do so through your child's school office.

If you did not complete a meal application for the 2020-2021 school year, please see the attached [Alternative Household Income Form](#). Please fill out the form and return as soon as possible to:

Lompoc Unified School District
Attn: Child Nutrition Services
P.O. Box 8000
Lompoc, CA 93438-8000

OR Scan to: childnutrition@lUSD.org

Families that require assistance with existing P-EBT cards can call the P-EBT Customer Service Center at 877-328-9677. For more information about P-EBT, you may visit the CDSS P-EBT web page at <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/home/pandemic-ebt>.

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

1. What is the P-EBT?

P-EBT is part of the U.S. government response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and was established by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). P-EBT provides benefits – very similar to SNAP benefits -- to children that would have received free or reduced price school meals, if not for COVID-related school closures and/or COVID-related reductions in school hours or attendance.

2. What are some possible reasons that my child did not receive the card?

- a. Child is not enrolled in school.
- b. A meal application or household income survey was not submitted this year.
- c. The child does not participate in government benefits, such as CalFresh, CalWorks, or Medi-Cal.
- d. The district does not have an updated address on file

3. Why did one child in my household get a card and the other did not?

First consider that all children must be enrolled in school. If you filled out a meal application, ensure that all children in the household were included on the form. Also verify that their addresses are correct. Meal application information can be retrieved from Child Nutrition Services. Address information can be accessed on Q Parent Portal or through the school office.

4. I received a letter from LUSD that my child is eligible for free meals. Where do I take this letter to get a P-EBT card?

You do not need to take the letter anywhere to receive the card. The Department of Social Services gathers the necessary information from the California Department of Education so that families do not need to apply for the P-EBT card. If you received a letter for free or reduced meals, then your child is eligible for the P-EBT card and the district has the correct address with the school. Please refer to the P-EBT timeline to see when cards will be mailed.

5. Who can I call if I have questions about my card?

Families that require assistance with existing P-EBT cards can call the P-EBT Customer Service Center at 877-328-9677.

6. I have moved and I need to change my address to receive the card.

Please contact your child's school office to have your address changed in the system.

You may verify your address on the Q Parent Portal. [Click here for directions on how to log in.](#)

7. Can the district check the status of my P-EBT card and when it will arrive to my house?

No, the district does not mail out the cards. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) uses information from the district to send the cards and manages the program. LUSD can only verify student meal eligibility and addresses.